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FOWLE OF TURKEY

A limited number of our churches and people will have the opportunity of hearing Mr. Luther R. Fowle of Istanbul, Turkey, during the week immediately following Easter. Mr. Fowle is treasurer and business agent of the American Board Mission in the Near East. He has lived in Turkey under three regimes,—that of the Sultan, the Young Turk Government, and the present Republic.

Luther R. Fowle

Mr. Fowle is a layman, and his addresses are received enthusiastically by laymen. He was born in Turkey, the son and grandson of missionaries, and he speaks Turkish like a native, but is a graduate of Williams College. He is particularly able to interpret the United States and Turkey to each other. Mr. Fowle will spend Easter Sunday with the Sacramento church. Other appointments which have thus far been made are as follows:

Wednesday, March 31, San Francisco: First Congregational Church at 6:00 p. m.

Thursday, April 1, Berkeley: Pacific School of Religion Chapel Service at 9:45 a. m. First Congregational Church, Women's Association at 2:00 p. m. Mill Valley: Community Church in the evening.

Friday, April 2, Berkeley: Pacific School of Religion Chapel Service at 9:45 a. m. Earl Lecture, Wheeler Hall, University Campus at 8:00 p. m.

Sunday, April 4, Oakland: First Congregational Church at 11:00 a. m.

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

The week from Palm Sunday to Easter will be a busy one for Superintendent Harley H. Gill. He expects to preach on Palm Sunday at First Church, Berkeley. On Good Friday afternoon he will give seven sermons on the "Seven Last Words" at the three-hour service at Grace United Church in San Francisco. In previous years he has given this series at Alameda, Stockton, and Petaluma. Easter morning at sunrise he will be the speaker on Aeolian Heights at Auburn, and at the eleven o'clock service will preach the Easter sermon at Suisun.

KEEP PATHS OPEN TO GOD

By SUPERINTENDENT HARLEY H. GILL

A beloved teacher of mine used to say, "The older I grow the less I seem to engage in formal stated seasons of prayer, but the more I enter into the spirit of prayer." By this he meant an abiding awareness of the presence of God, a kind of "inseparable fellowship" to use the fine phrase of another.

We say that Lent is a time for the deepening of our spiritual lives, but spiritual life is not attained or deepened by our resolving to do it, any more than domestic happiness can be found by signing a marriage contract.

To be sure there is a technique which helps one to experience God, and that is why the thought and prayers of others are worth our repeating. Furthermore, it takes time to become aware of God just as it takes a lifetime and more for two lovers to really know each other. The discovery of God can be no hurried process. During the forty-five days of Lent a beginning may be made, but if we turn aside from it when Easter is over, as we might close a book, or finish a journey, or complete a semester, we will have missed the thing that we call spiritual life. A certain constant discipline is required.

There must also be spontaneity, an eagerness, like the zest of one who enters upon high adventure—and what higher and more thrilling enterprise could there be than to come into fellowship with the Eternal God and to share in His task of awakening men into oneness with Him. The reading of devotional literature, however fine, will not take the place of exposing one's self to the presence of God and giving play to one's own thoughts and responses. We may observe certain guide posts which mark the way others have gone, but each one must find his own way to God, or to turn the idea around, each of us must discover for himself the attitude which enables God to find him.

We may not be conscious of the need of the experience of God during long periods of time, nor realize how poverty stricken we are in the very presence of great riches. But sooner or later storms beset us, foundations are broken up, life is no longer smooth-flowing but turbulent. Out of sheer loneliness the soul cries, "my God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me." Then, how reassuring, if the pathways to God are familiar and well worn, if the spiritual country through which we go has landmarks that we recognize and stars to guide us. So Lent is a time for the getting of bearings by following Him who did not say "Yonder is the way," nor even "This is the way," but "I am the way."

THREE STRAIGHT YEARS

Three years in a row! Three straight years without a deficit! Can that be accomplished? This is the question that the Conference Board of Directors, the superintendent, and the field secretary are asking themselves as we approach the end of the fiscal year on March 31.

The almost impossible task was accomplished in 1935 through special gifts from individuals, amounting to about $800.00. Then a year ago it was done in spite of the extra expense of assuming support of our program of religious work at the University of California. The treasurer's report for February gives promise that it will again be possible to close this year without adding to our debt.

Two things must be done:

(a) Pastors and treasurers will help greatly by seeing that money on hand is remitted to the Conference office before the end of the month. (There is no holding of the books open until the 10th of the following month, as is done at the end of the apportionment year in January).

(b) A group of our most interested people, who like to share a little extra in the support of California Home Missionary work, will be given the opportunity. The Conference Board has authorized a special appeal to be made to such individuals.

What an achievement this will be! To be sure we have not been able to replace the $8,800.00 of capital funds used up in those very difficult years of 1932, 1933, and 1934, but let not that fact detract from the joy in these accomplishments. We have not reduced the amount or the quality of the service to our churches, and we shall close the third consecutive year without a deficit.

Let many Pacific readers send their personal checks.

IF EASTER BE NOT TRUE

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb—
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true.
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then hope must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge—
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true.
'Twere foolishness the cross to bear;
He died in vain who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry;
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true—
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize.
Since Easter, aye, is true!

—H. H. BARSTOW.

Word comes that more than 35 tons of opium were sold in the area of the Northern provinces in China last year, nearly all through Japanese subjects under military protection. A "shot" of opium sells for a dime. Smuggling is carried on along the whole China coast on such a tremendous scale that the revenues of Government are seriously impaired.

H. V. WHITE DATES

The schedule for the visit of Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Ph. D., D. D., announcement of whose coming was made in last month's "Pacific" is herewith presented. Dr. White will be remembered as the pastor of our First Congregational Church of Stockton, and as a vigorous leader in our Conference. For the past six years he has been educational secretary of the American Board, and recently completed a trip around the world, studying Congregational missions in many different lands and holding interviews with national leaders. Ministers and members of churches where Dr. White is not to visit, will do well to journey to the nearest place where he will speak, hence this schedule:

Wednesday, March 10: San Francisco, First Congregational Church at 6:00 p. m.

Thursday, March 11: Berkeley, Pacific School of Religion Chapel at 9:45 a. m. Alameda, First Congregational Church in the evening.

Friday, March 12:: :Berkeley, Pacific School of Religion Chapel at 9:45 a. m. Palo Alto, First Congregational Church at 7:45 p. m.

Sunday, March 14: Berkeley, First Congregational Church at 11:00 a. m. Santa Rosa, First Congregational Church at 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, March 16: Martinez, Lions' Club at 12 M. Martinez, First Congregational Church at 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday, March 17: Berkeley, Pacific School of Religion Chapel at 9:45 a. m. San Jose, State College at 4:00 p. m. San Jose, First Congregational Church at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, March 18: Oakland, First Congregational Church, Women's Federation. Oakland, Plymouth Congregational Church at 6:30 p. m.

Friday, March 19: Sacramento, Pioneer Congregational Church, Women's Luncheon at noon. Auburn or Loomis in the evening.

Sunday, March 21: Stockton, First Congregational Church, morning and evening.

Tuesday, March 23: San Leandro, Broadmoor Church in the evening.

Wednesday, March 24: San Mateo First Congregational Church at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, March 25: Petaluma, Rotary Club at noon. Petaluma, First Congregational Church, Women's Service Club at 2:00 p. m. Sebastopol, First Congregational Church in the evening.

SPRING ASSOCIATIONS

A schedule of dates for spring meetings is being worked out and suggested to the officers and entertaining churches of the several district Associations.

Rev. Howell D. Davies of Chicago, Regional Secretary of the Missions Council, will be one visiting speaker. He will be available for the program of each Association and will fill a number of other speaking engagements. As in previous years, the President of the Federation of Congregational Women and the Conference Superintendent will be in attendance at each meeting.

April issue of the Pacific will give the complete schedule. In all probability the dates will be between April 21 and May 7.

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SUPT. GILL TO ATTEND TWO WORLD MEETINGS

The Conference Board of Directors has granted Superintendent Harley H. Gill a vacation up to 3½ months, beginning about the middle of June. Mr. Gill has not taken his full vacation any year since becoming superintendent, but this year desires to go abroad. He will attend the Universal Conference on Christian Life and Work as an official delegate from the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States, which will be held at Oxford, England, July 12-26. He will also attend the World Conference on Faith and Order, to which he has been named an alternate delegate, at Edinburgh, Scotland, August 3-18. He hopes to attend the lectures arranged by the Sherwood Eddy party at Toynbee Hall, London, between the two great conferences. He will have about ten days for sightseeing in the British Isles and about the same length of time to visit a few cities in the north of Europe, including Paris, Brussels, Cologne, Berlin, and Amsterdam.

On his way to Europe he expects to go by way of the Panama Canal. Returning via New York, he will spend a few days in wishing members of his family in Chicago and Denver. Present plans call for his sailing from San Francisco on June 12 and returning not later than September 17.

R.E. AND Y.P. GROUPS

The State Conference at San Jose approved the suggestion that the Religious Education and Young People's Work Committee be divided and the work be given to two separate committees as the name implies. This has been done and both types of work are being more efficiently accomplished.

The Young People's Committee is really the Pilgrim Fellowship in action and consists mainly in programing, promoting, and directing the Midwinter and Summer Conferences for young people. Four young people and three adults compose the Committee and this committee cooperates closely with the cabinet of Pilgrim Fellowship. Regional meetings of small groups are being held for counsel and suggestions in planning for the Asilomar conference, to be held this year July 24-31.

The Religious Education Committee consists of seven adults who are specialists in this line of work and are constantly engaged in it at one or another church center. Some phase of religious education is assigned to each member of the Committee for special interest and development. The Committee as a whole is promoting regional conferences and seminars and the members of the committee are available for counsel, surveys, and presentation of materials, methods, and programs. —E. T. S.

C.C.C. SEEKS AID

The California Church Council, which has been several years in the process of being formed and which takes over the work formerly done by the California State Church Federation, the California Councils of Religious Education (north and south), the Missionary Education Movement (southwest district), and the Superintendents' Councils, is now ready to go forward and accomplish some of the tasks which challenge the Christian forces of the state.

Dr. Paul Buchholz has commended himself as an able and wise leader for Northern California. A great job was put over on very short notice in carrying through the Preaching Mission. The problem now confronting the council is the ever present difficulty arising out of lack of funds.

The Board of Directors of our Congregational Conference at its January meeting faced this subject in a thoroughgoing way. It was reminded that our churches always believe in cooperation with other Christian groups, and that there are great tasks which cannot be carried through by a divided Protestantism. The Board felt that the request of the California Church Council for support to the extent of 5c per year per member was altogether reasonable. It was therefore voted that the Conference itself continue its appropriation of $120.00 per year to the Council, and that our churches be asked to take a special offering or otherwise provide a sum equal to 5c per member for its support. A number of churches have already responded. It is hoped that our share can be cared for before Easter.

It must be remembered that the California Church Council is not another organization adding to the burden of the churches, but that it takes over the program formerly done by a number of inter-denominational agencies and reduces expense and overhead.

Ndase, a graduate of Mt. Silinda Institute, East Africa, married a Christian young man and founded a nice home. When pneumonia took the life of the young man, his pagan relatives accused Ndase of causing his death by witchcraft. They tried to take away all her possessions. Finally she took refuge with her small son in the home of Dr. William T. Lawrence where she is acting as cook.

SO FAR, SO GOOD

The first report for 1937 in the giving of Northern California churches appears below. The totals are encouraging as we face the task of adding five thousand dollars to our receipts for the year. A glance at the figures will show that a number of churches have been much more prompt in remitting this year than last, and Berkeley First got in two monthly checks before the end of February as against one a year ago. However, making due allowance for all of this, the trend seens to be upward.

Church	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '37	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '36
Angels Camp	$ 125.00	$
Auburn	60.00	
Berkeley, First	1,137.38	658.94
Kensington	10.00	
Cloverdale	4.65	22.35
Cotati		20.00
Eureka	34.32	34.58
Ferndale		4.79
Fresno, First	101.82	80.70
Pilgrim	10.00	
Hayfork		3.00
Likely		5.00
Loomis	12.00	3.00
Martinez	34.61	18.28
Murphy	50.00	
Niles		10.00
Oakland, First	883.32	776.26
Plymouth	92.81	75.00
Oroville	30.00	
Pacific Grove	32.50	32.50
Palo Alto	150.00	100.00
Paradise	13.82	15.00
Petaluma	45.80	75.80
Pittsburg		23.93
Port Chicago		2.65
Ripon	5.99	5.00
Sacramento	47.99	100.51
San Carlos	10.00	
San Francisco, Bethany Men. Park	3.50	
First	143.89	156.10
Ocean View		1.83
San Jose	100.00	73.00
San Leandro	21.95	
San Rafael	24.00	
Santa Rosa	11.05	40.85
Sebastopol	26.08	43.95
Stockton	20.10	30.88
Tulare	75.00	
Weaverville	24.01	
Reno, Nev.	31.27	49.90
Miscellaneous	40.00	30.00
	$3,412.86	$2,493.80

After seven years of intensive work the world's "Best Seller," the Holy Bible, has been translated into modern Turkish by Dr. F. W. MacCallum of Istanbul. He is retiring now. He was allowed to remain in Turkey nearly four years beyond the usual age for retirement in order to complete his task of translation. Now it is done and after 47 years in the Near East Dr. MacCallum regards this final literary service the crowning achievement of his fruitful years over there.

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CHURCH.....

My check mark here ( ) means that this gift is to be credited to my church.

DISCOVERING NEW RESOURCES

by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman

If a church in Northern California Congregational Conference should receive a bequest of $1350 and another church a similar bequest of $900, and a third church received a bequest of $700, it would seem as though special Providential care was being exercised or at least that something unusual was taking place.

But, if it were found that these amounts were not bequests from wills of departed friends but came from hitherto undeveloped resources in the immediate surroundings of these self-same churches, that they came from overlooked or neglected membership possibilities, that would be interesting indeed.

Analysis of several church situations revealed the fact that less than one-half the membership of these churches carry the financial burden and really financially support the local church and provide the benevolence money for missionary work.

These financial analyses or surveys being followed by carefully planned canvasses of the entire membership have resulted in rather surprising increases in income.

The Community Church at Pittsburg advanced its income by $1350 in new and increased pledges, the Antioch church by $900, and the Petaluma church by $700. Other churches have profited according to the effort put into the canvass. Three churches have increased their pastors' salaries and several have increased their benevolence giving by considerably more than their apportionment. These churches have struck gold in California. Their claims are filed and registered and the mines are open and will continue to produce year by year. Prospecting in church gold mining is profitable.

RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB

An earnest Christian, interested in folks, willing to rough it and not afraid of leg action—that's the thumbnail sketch of Librarian Wang of Paotingfu, China, painted by Rev. Galt. On his bike Mr. Wang peddles through a dozen countries with his box of 150 books which he lends to the farmer folk. An average trip takes about three weeks, over 300 miles. Some may wonder how one man on a bicycle could carry 150 books anywhere! Some are of thin Chinese paper and others hardly more than pamphlets. But all are carefully selected for rural reading. "Wang is the right man for the job," says Mr. Galt.

IN SERVICE SINCE 1881

In the account of the passing of Rev. Dennis Goodsell, which was published in last month's Pacific, it was stated that "it is doubtful whether any living minister goes back in service to an earlier date than 1882." The Pacific is glad to note that Rev. Rueben Henry Sink, pastor emeritus at Stockton, while not ordained until 1883, was a licensed minister and pastor of the Redwood City church in 1881. Mr. Sink is remembered with great affection by the people in Grass Valley and is deeply beloved in Stockton where he served for twenty-nine years.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, PARK. One of the happiest events of the pastorate of Rev. Tom Watt was a marriage which he performed for two young people whom he had brought into the fellowship of the church. At the wedding breakfast, which the pastor could not attend, the bride called on one of the young men to offer grace, which he did, in the presence of some 12 or 14 guests, including the father and mother of the bride who are not church people at all. At least three of the party were Catholic and the others, with one exception, were not connected with the church. The young man who responded was received into the church two years ago, having no religious background. The bride has been a member of the church for a number of years, coming up through the Sunday School. Four years ago the groom had scarcely been inside a church but came into fellowship two years ago. Truly this is missionary work of the highest order.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, is again conducting a question drawer on Sunday evenings. The church recently lost by death Mrs. Minerva N. Swain, who for many years had been in charge of arranging the programs for the Judge Wilbur Welfare Class.

Through the invitation of the pastor Mr. Fred Parr and Rev. Paul Buchholz, executive secretary of the California Church Council, presented the work of the Council at a Wednesday evening dinner meeting.

PENNGROVE. The Conference has just received deeds to the Penngrove Methodist property, which clears the way for the organization of a Congregational church. This arrangement was worked out in partial exchange with the Congregational Church at Ceres, which disbanded a year or two ago and turned over its assets and a large part of its membership to the Ceres Methodist Church.

FRESNO, FIRST. The several departments and committees of the church are serving faithfully during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, who is taking a much needed rest and medical treatments at the Stanford Hospital in San Francisco. Dr. Henderson hopes to be back at his work by Palm Sunday.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Carl Patton, who has been serving as ad interim preacher, suffered a severe attack of pneumonia but at the time of going to press he is making encouraging progress.

NINETY YEARS OF EDUCATION

Rev. W. W. Ferrier, editor of The Pacific for many years, has written another significant book on the early history of California. "Ninety Years of Education in California" traces in an exhaustive and thoroughly reliable way the history of movements and institutions for education. Beginning with the earliest schools conducted by ministers, such as Benton and Willey, Dr. Ferrier tells of the numerous academies, and even colleges, that flourished and passed away. Beginnings of the University of California and other present-day colleges are sketched. The establishment of the public school system and the laws for the support of the schools are set forth. A great deal of general history is brought in and not a little biography of early civic, religious, and educational leaders. The book sells for $2.50 and may be secured from the author (2716 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley).

LODI. Deacon H. C. Wetmore, in extending the official welcome of the church to Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Boone, concluded his remarks with this very beautiful paragraph:

"We want you to possess yourselves of that comfortable feeling which people have when they know that they are among friends who have gathered to express, by their presence and their handshakes, the welcome of their hearts. We welcome you not only to the duties and trials and the problems of this church, but we also welcome you to the joys of Christian service and of righteous accomplishment. We welcome you to the comradeship of our daily lives, to the hospitality of our homes, and the love of our hearts, and may God's rich blessing rest upon you and crown your Christian efforts with abundant success."

PITTSBURG. Substantial contributions were made by the Women's Auxiliary and the Women's Bible Class to the Red Cross for flood sufferers. Plans are under way to decorate the basement of the church and to landscape the grounds. A new church sign has been lettered by one of the members and installed. A junior choir of 25 young people provides music twice a month. Rev Elmer W. Benedict, pastor, states that the Creative Worship study course is proving to be most worthwhile.

PORTERVILLE. The roof and the general rough carpenter work on the main portion of the building have been completed. Plastering is going forward. The Lenten sermon series of the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, has been creating widespread interest, with an average Sunday morning attendance of 185, an increase of 50% over the same period a year ago.

Mrs. Gregg, whose severe illness was reported in last month's Pacific, has made steady improvement.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The pastor, Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick, conducts a pastor's class in preparation for church membership. Rev. W. C. Bell was guest and speaker at a meeting on February 15. Sunday evening services featuring book reviews have filled a real need.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The Boy Scouts are receiving their share of honors in reward for progress in their work. A group of the Senior Department of the Church School is holding Sunday afternoon meetings for discussion. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is the director.

PESCADERO. The church and cummunity are hoping to secure the necessary funds to repair the tower and roof and to paint the exterior of the building. Rev. J. C. Kelsey, pastor of the Methodist Church at Half Moon Bay, holds services in Pescadero weekly.

PARADISE. The Preaching Mission week brought very good results. Rev. Edward P. Shier, the pastor, recently celebrated an anniversary of forty years in the ministry, one-fourth of which has been in the Congregational Church at Paradise.

PORT CHICAGO. The interior of the church has been painted, the money being provided by the Ladies Aid Society. The last church year closed without a deficit of any kind. Rev. B. Dent Naylor is pastor.

HAYWARD. Special evening services during Lent have been held at Eden Congregational Church. Sunday night, February 14, Rev. Wm. C. Bell delivered an address on our mission work in West Africa; February 21, National Brotherhood Sunday was observed, speakers being Anthony J. Foster, Catholic layman, and Rabbi David Cohen of Temple Beth Abraham; March 7, panel discussion on Professor Link's book, "The Return to Religion", with Mr. O. B. Paulsen of the Hayward Union High School as chairman. Rev. Godfrey Matthews, the pastor, has been asked to conduct the consecration service of the young people's retreat at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on March 21.

PETALUMA. Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Pilgrim Church, Oakland, was the speaker at the Ash Wednesday dinner, using as his theme "Spiritual Foundations". A parish invitation urging attendance on the Sundays of Lent was carried through by ten teams of visitors on February 28. A high school department has been formed in the Sunday School, under the superintendency of J. E. McDermed, formerly connected with our church in Alameda, and successful with boys' clubs. Rev. Ralph Waddell is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. This church enjoyed the visit of Rev. W. C. Bell of Africa. The young people met him in an informal way at 5:30 and then, following a fellowship supper, both young people and adults heard Mr. Bell and saw his motion pictures.

Reports of the annual meeting were most encouraging, attendance at morning service having shown an increase, and the debt to the Building Society a decrease; the final installment will be paid this year.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor, arranged a panel discussion for a Sunday evening service on the present Supreme Court issue. He is conducting a study course for women on the "Poetry of the Bible," meeting Fridays at eleven o'clock. The attendance has been most gratifying. The church is engaged now in an effort to remove a small but troublesome indebtedness of some years' standing.

SAN CARLOS. The young people's group contributed $10 to the Red Cross for flood sufferers. In spite of bad weather a large crowd partook of a turkey dinner provided by the Women's Association and enjoyed an evening of splendid fellowship. The pastor, Rev. Alden A. Read, is emphasizing spiritual life in his sermons and study period before Easter.

RIPON. As evidence of the increasing strength of the church a larger budget for home expenses and benevolences has been voted. The drama, "Prisoner at the Bar," is to be given on March 12, with a cast made up largely of local farmers, businessmen, and school teachers. Rev. E. L. Spuller is pastor.

TULARE. The young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship had entire charge of the morning service on February 7. One member edited the calendar, others conducted the different parts of the worship period, and three spoke on the Church's Relationship to the Community. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, pastor, has recovered from his illness.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. The Men's Brotherhood sponsored the production of "Death Takes the Steering Wheel" in cooperation with Norman Pendleton of the Anti-Saloon League. The Pilgrim Fellowship recently had a joint meeting with a like group from Petaluma. Penngrove Sunday School is increasing. The Preaching Mission, led by Rev. Earl Brewster of Williams, had happy results. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, in company with a young layman, engages in personal evangelism simply by witnessing to the presence of Christ as he calls at certain homes.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Young Women Cadets of the Salvation Army Training College, San Francisco, were in charge of a recent Sunday morning service. Mrs. A. V. Dunn, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, was entertained at a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society and the Mayflower Association. A public meeting in memory of Dwight L. Moody was held in the church on February 18. On Tuesday evenings a mission study class is held through Lent. Rev. John H. Hunter is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev George E. Atkinson, the pastor, was "comforted but amazed" to learn from the Commission on Church Attendance that the Sebastopol church for a period of five years was one of fifty churches in the country that had made a constant growth in attendance. He wants it distinctly understood that the attendance reported to the Commission was not estimated but counted by a very accurately-minded layman.

SANTA CRUZ. Over fifty Boy Scouts attended service the first Sunday morning in February. An offering for the flood sufferers brought $30.50. The young people held an Asilomar Fund food sale. Twenty-seven members of the church attended the county Missionary Federation at Soquel. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. New families are coming into the village of Sheep Ranch, and in the opinion of Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, the pastor, there may be an opportunity looking toward the organizing of a church. The church attendance in Angels Camp has increased.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, is giving lectures on books of the New Testament, including Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, and First Corinthians.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

Midwinter Reports

Theme: "Our wills are ours, we know not how.
Our wills are ours, to make them Thine."

The whole atmosphere of our Federation was warmly stirred and enriched by the glowing enthusiasm of our President, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, just returned from the Midwinter Meeting of the Missions Council at Evanston, Ill. Missions Council is the new name for our old Commission on Missions, and includes Foreign, Home and Social Action departments of our work. Although "warned" beforehand, Mrs. Dunn was not prepared for the greatness of the meeting. The spiritual note predominated. — More money? Desperately needed. Better organization? Assuredly needed. But the greatest need of all is a spiritual awakening of religion. This is finely expressed in the Foreward to the Missions Council Report: "In the church that we love there must be a fresh contact with the divine. — Whatever one does, wherever one goes, whatever agency one uses, the supreme task is to revive the conviction that the religious life is true, unique in the experience that it offers, essential to the peace of the individual and the world. When that conviction has been made to prevail in the membership of our churches, we have a right to expect abundant fruitage from the enriched soil of human life."

For the many and varied phases of the meeting, Mrs. Dunn referred us to Field Secretary Sherman's comprehensive report in the February "Pacific". More and more importance is being given to women's work and the need for its coordination with all the other work in each local church, and with the work of the Mission Council. Leadership training, better literature, more adequately trained Sunday School teachers and young people's workers, a sense of stewardship, a realization of a world-community and our place in it, — women must stand for interst in all of these. They need to undergird the apportionment goal. The American Board needs $77,000 to balance its budget, and unless the 22 per cent advance is achieved, it must close some of its **major** work.

Prayer Guild Activities

Seventeen churches are already doing definite Prayer Guild work. Boston writes that Northern California subscribes to more "Fellowship of Those Who Care and Share" leaflets than any other state. Several churches have small clubs studying some book of devotions. Sacramento is studying "The Psychology of Christian Personality." Petaluma is studying Muriel Lester's "Ways of Praying," and Mrs. Freeman's "Modern Interpretation of the Bible." Petaluma is making use of the American Board Year Book Prayer Calendar in a beautiful way. Their Prayer Guild secretary is distributing slips with names of our missionaries, so that with understanding of personal situations, each missionary will be definitely prayed for at least once a year by someone. Mrs. F. J. Greene hopes that every church will soon have a Prayer Guild secretary who will foster these three activities.

MARCH MEETING SPEAKERS

Speakers at our March Federation meeting will be Rev. E. T. Sherman and Dr. Hugh Vernon White.

FORTY YEARS IN WEST AFRICA

Rev. Wm. C. Bell told of his nearly forty years of work in the Bailundo area, Angola, West Africa. He spoke very modestly, but one listening with sympathetic understanding realized that it is upon the strong, wisely-built foundations laid by such as he, that our missionary work of today rests secure. One understands better, too, **why** and **how** our medical and agricultural and industrial missions have developed. It is all part of the fuller life which is the conception of missions. Mr. Bell pioneered in all these lines, in order to meet the great needs he found. The three original missionaries who went out to West Africa in 1880 (one from Berkeley), waited seven years for their first convert; and fourteen natives comprised their first church. This Bailundo church is now the largest Congregational Church in the world, with a membership of 7,000, and the present senior pastor is one of those original fourteen members. The African has a contribution to make to world Christianity, for he thinks of religion as permeating the whole being and every phase of life. Sacrifice and service go together, and those Christian Africans sacrifice unbelievably. "We will take food out of our mouths," they say, "to keep preachers and teachers for our children." It is to Mr. Bell that we are indebted for most of the material used in "Africa's Answer," that very interesting American Board booklet we have been using in our study of Africa.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our Federation has received an unusually heavy Social Welfare assignment for this year. Our secretary has given quotas to our associations, but still has a long list unassigned, including bed linens of all kinds; table linens, bath towels, blankets (**used** blankets in thoroughly good condition are acceptable), gauze bandages, etc. Will any association or individual who can help in even a small way toward filling these unassigned quotas please get in touch with Mrs. B. P. Martin, 2141 Rose St., Berkeley? She also has lists for Sunday schools and young people, the project being the work of Rev. Frank Woodward at Dansalan, Philippine Islands.

WELCOME HOME

Welcome home! Our devoted and beloved foreign secretary, Mrs. Chas. A. Kofoid, is with us again after six months abroad. She and Dr. Kofoid visited Norway and his ancestral home in Denmark, and spent considerable time in motoring through Scotland, Wales, and England. They timed their return to attend the Mid-winter Meeting, in which both were vitally interested. Dr. Kofoid is a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board.

SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting will be held in our San Mateo church on April 15. Announcement of program later.

NEW EDITOR

Introducing Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler, new editor of the Federation columns. Mrs. W. C. Blasdale, who has been Federation editor for the past two or three years, is to spend some months in Europe.

DWIGHT L. MOODY CENTENNIAL

By John McDowell

February 5, 1937, marks more than a date on the calendar of all those who had the privilege of knowing D. L. Moody and coming under his penetrating influence. To all such it means the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of one of the mightiest spiritual forces in modern life. Five years before Mr. Moody's death Prof. Henry Drummond, one of Mr. Moody's most efficient co-workers and an acknowledged expert in spiritual diagnosis, said: Whether estimated by the moral qualities which go to the making up of his personal character or the extent to which he impressed them upon whole communities of men on both sides of the Atlantic, there is perhaps no more truly great man living than Dwight L. Moody. America possesses at this moment no more extraordinary personage. Not even among the most brilliant of her sons has any rendered more stupendous or more enduring service to his country and its life."

"Moody's name and good works," said Dr. Lyman Abbott, the editor of The Outlook, "are known and loved throughout the civilized world. By his death the world has lost one of its greatest leaders. His marvelous energy and kindly spirit made friends for religion by the tens of thousands."

"In the death of Mr. Moody," said Dr. Francis L. Patton, then president of Princeton University, "the world has lost a man who though he had no academic education was one of the greatest powers for winning souls to Christ and the uplifting of his fellowmen."

We cannot come in touch with a man of such penetrating influence, colossal achievements and masterful leadership without asking, what was the secret of this man's influence, and where were the hidings of his power? The story of the outward life of Mr. Moody can be told after a fashion in a book but the ramifications of his influence no pen can ever describe or imagination conceive. His profound solicitude for the welfare of his fellow-men, both here and hereafter, found expression in so many ways that it is quite impossible to describe it or estimate it by the ordinary standards.

The biography of Mr. Moody in terms of dates is as follows:

Born, Northfield, Mass., February 5, 1837.
Began business career, Boston, 1854.
Admitted to church membership, 1856.
Removed to Chicago, 1856.
Established "North Market Hall" Sunday school, 1858.
Married Emma C. Revell, 1862.
Organized "Illinois Street Church," 1863.
Visited England, 1867.
President Y. M. C. A., Chicago, 1869.
Secured the services of Ira D. Sankey, 1870.
Second visit to England, 1872.
First extended British campaign, 1873-1875.
American evangelistic campaign, 1875-1877.
Established Northfield Seminary, 1879.
Established Mount Hermon School, 1881.
Conducted first Northfield Summer Conference, 1881.
Second campaign in Great Britain, 1881-1884.
Started Student Y. M. C. A. Conference, 1886.
Organized Chicago Bible Institute, 1887.
Third tour of Great Britain, 1891.
Visited Palestine, 1892.
World's Fair evangelistic campaign, Chicago, 1893.
Last public service, Kansas City, November 16, 1899.
Died Northfield, December 22, 1899.

His autobiography in terms of prophecy is as follows:

"Some day," he said, "you will read in the papers that Dwight L. Moody of East Northfield is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I shall have gone up higher, that's all; out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal—a body that death cannot touch, and sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His own glorious body. I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die: that which is born of the Spirit will live forever."

Helpful material for the observance of the Moody Centenary, including slides, motion pictures, and literature, is available. For further information address Albert E. Roberts, East Northfield, Mass.

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